

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3380**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:  
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:  
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**BILL SUMMARY:**

House Bill 3380 amends Sections 44-7-2430 and -2440 of the Codes of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the Hospital Infections Disclosure Act, by requiring hospitals to also report the deaths resulting from hospital-acquired infections to the Department of Health & Environmental Control.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC)

DHEC estimates the impact of this Bill to be approximately \$26,000 (and 0.50 FTE) annually. Hospital-acquired infections are poorly represented in ICD-10 codes which are reported to DHEC. Additional funds are needed to cover the salary and fringe of 0.50 FTE who would examine the data submitted by hospitals, code and computerize the data. This would enable the Department to determine the incidence of deaths resulting from hospital-acquired infections.

Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

MUSC estimates the impact of this Bill to be \$30,000 annually. This is to cover the salary and fringe of 0.50 FTE to review and gather documentation on any deaths resulting from hospital-acquired infections.

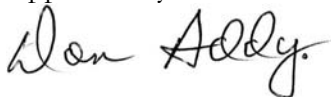
Department of Mental Health

Enactment would have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

Summary

Based on the three agencies surveyed, the impact can be estimated at \$56,000 annually. At least \$26,000 would result in an impact on the General Funds of the State. MUSC's costs could be covered with State General Funds or Other funds revenue.

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